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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 336
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of the
Pegram Volunteer Fire Department for their
honorable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of public service as volunteer firefighters, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding their fellow citizens in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee enjoy a wonderful quality of life, and we owe much to the brave men and women who bravely defend our homes and our workplaces against destruction by fire; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to these exemplary citizens who give unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to ensure the public safety; and

WHEREAS, the laudable individuals who comprise the Pegram Volunteer Fire Department represent one such exemplary group of citizens; and

WHEREAS, for the past four years, the Pegram Volunteer Fire Department has served under the able guidance of Chief Brent Stuart, under whose leadership the Fire Department has made significant strides; and

WHEREAS, the Pegram Fire Department has acquired a Chevy Suburban that has been converted into a medical truck, enabling a much swifter medical response to any emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, the Department purchased a new Pumper/Fire Engine in December of 2002 and recently acquired a new Brush Truck; and

WHEREAS, the Pegram Volunteer Fire Department is now headquartered at 308 Highway 70; this larger and more modern facility has allowed the Department to improve its already high standard of fire service; and

WHEREAS, under Chief Stuart's honorable and astute leadership, the number of volunteer firefighters has increased from fifteen to twenty-five most able men and women; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Pegram Volunteer Fire Department are: Chief Brent Stuart, Assistant Chief Wes Hardin, Captain Shannon Beshears, Lieutenant Bryan Woodard, and firefighters Larry Martin, Kris Bull, Will Winn, Terri Ray, Brian Gogue, Brittney Webb, Brad Day, Bill Ketchum, Nathan Stanley, Jeff Stevens, Kristin Huff, Daniel Green, Dan Dawson, Justin Bell, Jesse Aldridge, and Zach Poteet; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the members of the Pegram Volunteer Fire Department have saved many homes and countless memories for their friends and neighbors; the importance of their service cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Pegram Volunteer Fire Department embody the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, these valiant firefighters are worthy of our most effusive thanks for a difficult job well done; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Pegram Volunteer Fire Department for diligent and dedicated service to their community--especially under the leadership of Chief Brent Stuart--as we reflect on their unsurpassed public service and outstanding character, and wish these courageous Tennesseans much continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.